IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE **REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)** WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTIONS IN THE PERITONEAL CAVITY without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration. This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers: \boxtimes An abstract together with pages of specification and claims including 26 35 numbered claims and also attached is/are sheets of accompanying drawings. 14 This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s): Application No. Country **Filing Date** respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom. This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s): Application No. **Filing Date** 60/191,764 24/March/2000 respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom. Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached. This application is a __ continuation/_ division/_ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. filed Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a __ continuation/_ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application .--Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This is a continuation of PCT application No. , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No., filed, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.-Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee. Also attached: X Information Disclosure Statement ; Non-Publication Request: Other: Inventor: Anthony Nicolas Kalloo **United States** (first) (last) (citizenship) Residence: (city) Baltimore (state/country) Maryland Mailing Address: 1830 East Monument Street, Baltimore, Maryland (Zip Code) 21205 2. Inventor: Sergey Veniamin Kantsevov United States ovich (first) MI (last) (citizenship) Residence: (city) Silver Spring (state/country) Maryland Mailing Address: 11302 Gilsan Street, Silver Spring, Maryland (Zip Code) 20902 See attached sheet(s) for additional inventor(s) information!! Address all future communications to NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C., 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22201. 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor **NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.**

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